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In re: Application of : Ghani Abdul Muttalib ABBAS
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Instead of filing a Brief on Appeal, applicant has elected to file the accompanying Request for Continued Examination and, in support thereof, this Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.